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E. W. Wainwright and Phavia Rujichagulia (l/r) performed for the students in Frank Ortega's music class at the Potrero Hill Middle School on September 24. The artists appeared under the auspices of Young Audiences of the Bay Area. (See story below)  
Melinda Montonye photo

## Back to School With an Artistic Touch For Students All Around Potrero Hill

For students all around Potrero Hill, going back to school was kicked off with special cultural activities inaugurating the fall semester.

On Sept. 24, fourth and fifth grade students at Daniel Webster School at 20th and Missouri Streets boarded buses provided by Old Navy clothiers to be transported to Davies Symphony Hall in Civic Center. There, they were the

guests of San Francisco Symphony Musical Director Michael Tilson Thomas for an open rehearsal. At the end of the rehearsal, Thomas addressed the students at Davies Hall.

"With many schools facing cutbacks in budgets for extra-curricular activities, we created the Old Navy School Bus Program as a way to give something back to our store communities, said

Kevin Lonergan, Executive Vice President of Stores and Operations for the company, which is located in Potrero Center at 16th Street and Potrero Ave.

And on Sept. 23 and 24, students at the Potrero Hill Middle School, which is beginning its first semester as a School for the Arts, was treated to a Fall Preview Showcase by Young Audiences of

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Parents and children attended the first day of school at Starr King Elementary School on Wisconsin Street.

## Is New Club Planned for Le Touche's Old Spot?

The final appeal to reverse the revocation of the dancehall-keeper license of Club La Touche, the troublesome nightclub at 300 Dellaro St., was withdrawn by the establishment's operators prior to the final appeal date of Sept. 10.

The nightclub had been linked to numerous violent incidents at or near the site, which spurred a community protest that led to the action by the San Francisco Police Dept. to revoke its permit — thereby closing the business.

The withdrawal of the appeal means that this business cannot be reopened under the current management. But, warns Potrero Boosters and Merchants Assn. President Dick Millet, another nightclub may well move into the space vacated by the controversial Le Touche.

In a Sept. 29 letter to Officer Jerry Jolly of the State Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC), which has begun the process of revoking Le Touche's alcohol permit, Millet indicated he had heard that "the owner of the 300 De Haro building has been in contact with you to see if there is a way to quickly transfer the alcohol permit to a new individual." Millet also noted he had heard that "the owner has also requested a transfer of police permits or granting of new permits for this location.

"We ask that you not issue a new alcohol permit to this location," the Potrero Boosters President demanded of the ABC, noting that "we are also asking the San Francisco Police Dept. that they not issue any new permits for this location to replace the ones that were revoked."

"Although we believe no future permits should be issued to this location, we are particularly suspicious of anyone asking for permits who has had any kind of business association with the current permit holder," the Potrero Booster official warned, adding, "we know of at least one such individual of whom we have been told who is interested in buying this club."

After none months of efforts to have all of these permits revoked, "we are somewhat stunned that anyone would believe we would just sit back and say nothing as a new club is opened," Millet charged. He pointed out that "when the San Francisco Board of Permit Appeals voted unanimously to uphold the police order to revoke permits at this location, one of its members stated our neighborhood should be 'vigilant' about what comes into this location next.

"We intend to vigorously follow this advice," he vowed.



# GETTING INVOLVED

**ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector)** meets the first Thursday of each month (Oct. 2) with members of the San Francisco Police Department, to discuss issues of public concern. Meetings take place at 7 p.m. in the Community College, downstairs, at 1800 Oakdale at Phelps, off Bayshore.

**Friends of Esprit Park** wish to inform the Park supporters of an important public meeting of the Rec/Park Open Space Committee to take place on Tuesday, Oct. 7. This meeting, cancelled last month, is expected to take up the matter of funding and planning for Esprit. Friends of Esprit Park notes that a large attendance by community supporters will not fail to be noticed by the committee. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park, at Fell & Stanyan Sts. for more info, call the Friends at 641-7884.

**Potrero Hill Health Center Community Advisory Board (CAB)** will not meet in October. In its place will be a City-wide CAB meeting involving representatives from all the DP11 (Dept. of Public Health) and SFGH (San Francisco General Hospital) clinics. Richard Cordova, Community Health Network Executive Director, and Bob Prentice, Director of the Public Health Division of the Health Department, will be in attendance to address issues of concern to City residents. All interested Potrero Hill Health Center patients and advocates are encouraged to come with ideas and issues to discuss with the Health Dept. leadership. This meeting will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 8, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in the Health Commission Auditorium, 101 Grove St., Room 300. The next regular meeting of the Potrero Hill Health Center CAB will be on November 10, at 6 p.m., as usual.

**Starr King Park Board** meets the second Wednesday of each month (Oct. 8) in the Potrero Hill Library upstairs meeting room, 1616 - 20th St. at 7 p.m. On the following Saturday (Oct. 11) a work party will gather from 10:30 a.m. 'til 1 p.m. to continue weeding and maintenance plus some new planting. The Park is located at Carolina and 23rd Sts., behind the school.

**Potrero Hill Democratic Club** meets the second Tuesday of each month (Oct. 14). The meetings start at 7 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 Dellaro. The October meeting will be devoted to discussions of the candidates and issues in next month's elections.

**Potrero Hill Boosters and Merchants** meet the last Tuesday of the month (Oct. 28) at 7:30 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Library, 1616 - 20th St.

**Potrero Hill Garden Club** meets the last Sunday of each month (Oct. 26). Meeting at 11 a.m., to be followed by a potluck brunch. Please call 648-6740 for more information.

**PLAN (Potrero League of Active Neighbors)** meets this month in executive session only. Call 826-6359 for details. The next regular meeting will be Nov. 19.

PLAN also notes that five finalists out of the 60 architectural submissions for Mission Bay have been chosen to exhibit their drawings and models for public scrutiny, from Oct. 21 - 30 at the American Institute of Architects, 130 Sutter St., 6th floor. Hours are M,W,F 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tu, Th, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. An exhibit of the five sets of plans (no models) will be displayed in the lobby of the Medical Science Bldg. at 513 Parnassus Ave., from 5 a.m.-7:30 p.m., M-F. And a Workshop inviting public comment will be held at 130 Sutter St. on Wednesday, Oct. 22; 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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# Letters

## Mission Bay Petition

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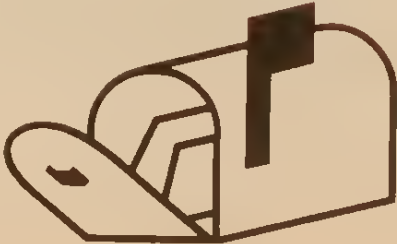
At a recent evening meeting of the Mission Bay CAC, we were told by one of the CAC members that because so few people from Potrero Hill showed up to express their feelings about Mission Bay, there was apparently no opposition to whatever was planned.

One of those present explained that indeed many people were concerned, but were either working, had small children, were home-bound or whatever keeps people from attending meetings.

We are asking the people of Potrero Hill and Lower Potrero Hill to help circulate petitions expressing the concerns of residents vis-a-vis Mission Bay to our community.

Please contact Vernon at 415 821-1216 for copies of the petition, or come by 970 Tennessee St. If everyone gets at least five signatures, we can show the Mayor and the CAC and the planners, as well as Catellus, that we do care about the impact that Mission Bay will have on our community.

**Sally Seymour**  
Dogpatch Resident



Happy Birthday . . .

**HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY:** Tony Alvite, Vas Arnautoff, Elaine Brickhandler, Maxine Chesney, Pete Chiotras, Hilary Clinton, Dominique De Serpos, Willie Dickens, Jeff Dorr, Dean Echenberg, Jim Johnson, Toby Jones, Lucy Kendall, John Lennon, Richard Lovett, Lauren Macmillan, Andrew Meblin, Dianne & Teresa Passen, Pablo Picasso, Kathleen Ramos, Vickie Santos (91!), Sharyn Savlavsky, Helen Shapiro, Sonia Sheffield, Cynthia Taylor, K.D. Sullivan, Kevin Sullivan, Will Matthew Sarvis.

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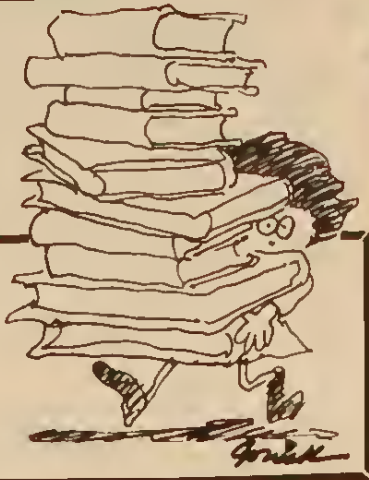
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## LIBRARY NEWS POTRERO BRANCH 1616 20th St. • 695-6640

### Closed Monday

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Thursday: 10 am - 6 pm  
Friday: 1 pm - 6 pm  
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### TRIP TRAP TROUPE IS TOO HOT!

"Goldilocks and the Three Bears" will be presented by the Trip Trap Troupe, San Francisco Public Library's own highly acclaimed traveling puppet theater on Thursday, October 2, at 10:30 a.m. Main Children's Department veteran librarian, Toba Singer, will be Goldilocks and Mama Bear.

### AN OCTOBER CORNUCOPIA

There's lots of fun in store for everyone who comes to the library during the month of October. Saturday afternoons at 4 p.m. have become a favorite time for readers of all ages to enjoy the special programs at the Potrero Branch or bring a child in for story time. Most programs have book tie-ins. Be sure to make the most of these events by checking out books or non-print materials related to the program.

### "BRAVE LITTLE GIRLS" MAKE A STORY

Author/Illustrator Marissa Moss is the featured presenter this month in the "Brave Little Girls" series at the Potrero Branch. (See the system-wide series schedule available at library branches throughout the city.) On Saturday, October 18 at 4 p.m. Ms. Moss, author/illustrator of "Amelia's Notebook," will lead a workshop for children on how to make your story into a book.

### STORIES TO MAKE YOU SHIVER

Usher in Halloween with us on Saturday, October 25, at 4 p.m. as storyteller Ruth Halpern tells "Stories to Make You Shiver." We will set the thermostat up a degree or two just for this occasion.

### WHAT'S A LAPISIT?

Is it a whasit? No, it's an Infant and Toddler Lapsit, and it happens on most Thursday mornings at the Potrero Branch. It's time the library sets aside for the under-two set to introduce them to work, songs and fingerplays in an atmosphere that is child-centered and child-friendly. Adults who are accompanied by at least one child are welcome to join in, but we ask them to refrain from using this time to socialize with each other, and instead model the pleasures that they hope their children will share with them. Let the child be with the other children focused on a child activity. We notice that when adults focus with — instead of on — the child they are caring for, children find it easy to participate. They learn to tap into what it is that draws people of all ages to sounds, words, stories and song and sooner than later, the love of reading. This is a special time each week when adult and child can forget their roles and just become part of the fun. Join us with the child in your life so that both of you can discover and re-discover the joys of books together.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Infant and Toddler Lapsit takes place on Thursday mornings, October 9, 16, 23

and 30 at 10:30 a.m. Pre-school Story Time takes place on Saturday afternoons, October 4 and 11 at 4 p.m. The film, "In the Night Kitchen" will be shown Tuesday, October 7 at 10 a.m., and Wednesday, October 8 at 7 p.m.

### BOOK CLUB ANYONE?

Anyone interested in starting a book club that would meet at the library should express his or her interest to us.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER

- \* Simond, Nina. "Asian Noodles: 75 Dishes to Twirl, Slurp, and Savor." From soba to pho — explores the endless and varied ways that noodles respond to sauces, soups and salads.
- \* Field, Carol. "In Nonna's Kitchen: recipes and traditions from Italy's grandmothers." By a local author.
- \* Hearn, Reed. "La Parilla: the Mexican Grill." Includes chapters on marinades and spice rubs, salsa, grilled seafood, fiesta dishes, tacos and deserts. Author owns Rose Pistola restaurant.
- \* Pierre Franey. "Pierre Franey Cooks with his Friends: with Recipes from top Chefs in France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium and The Netherlands." Franey journeyed through Europe, visiting chefs whose work he admired, then added their low-fat recipes to his own.
- \* O'Neill, Molly. "The Pleasure of Your Company: How to Give a Dinner Party without Losing your mind." A unique literary melting pot of social commentary, novel satire and cookbook and rolled into one.

\* Kochilas, Diane. "The Greek Vegetarian: More than 100 Recipes Inspired by the Traditional Dishes and Flavors of Greece."

\* McCartney, Linda. "Linda's Kitchen: Simple and Inspiring Recipes for Meatless Meals." San Francisco Chronicle's "Best Books of 1995" includes 32 recipes.

\* Sarah Schlesinger. "500 Low-Fat and Fat-free Appetizers, Snacks and Hors D'Oeuvres." The library staff will be happy to taste-test these to help you prepare for your next soiree.

\* Prudy, Susan Gold. "Let Them Eat Cake: 140 Sinfully Rich Deserts — with a Fraction of the Fat." Ditto.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER FOR CHILDREN

- \* Ciavonne, Jean. "Carlos, Light the Farolito"
- \* Bateson-Hill, Margaret. "Lao Lao of Dragon Mountain." Chinese text by Mamyee Wan
- \* Bloor, Edward. "Tangerine"
- \* Pullman, Philip. "The Subtle Knife"
- \* Rocklin, Joanne. "For Your Eyes Only!"
- \* Ryan, Mary. "Alias"

Toba Singer  
Branch Librarian



### THE VIEW AT THE LIBRARY

If you are searching for a story that ran in the Potrero View a long time ago, take a look at the bound volumes at the Potrero Branch Library which contain every issue from the very first one in 1970 through December 1991. We will have more recent issues bound in the not-too-distant future, but in the meantime, check with the librarian who may have them on file.

# TEN YEARS AGO

## In The View

### CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION AT NABE

The Potrero Hill Neighborhood House celebrated Enola Maxwell's 15th year as director with a champagne reception and fundraiser. The event recognized Maxwell's efforts to bring the Nabe out of the debt-ridden condition, and the inauguration of many new programs, including tutoring, employment, boys and girls clubs, child care for working mothers, lunch and recreation for seniors, and drama workshops and arts and craft classes.

### ANNUAL HILL SCAMPER

The Hill's fifth annual benefit run for the Neighborhood House began at 9 a.m., Oct. 10, when athletes launched themselves down the hill from the starting line at the Nabe, following a winding route to China Basin and back, a total of eight kilometers.

### EDITORIAL BLASTS GIANTS' STADIUM SCHEME

The View sharply criticized the plan of Giants' owner Bob Lurie and Mayor Dianne Feinstein to build a stadium for the Giants at Seventh and Townsend Streets, citing the failure of stadium proponents to inform the public of the cost in public funds.

### STRONG PRAISE FOR AGNOS

A full page was devoted to extolling Assemblyman Art Agnos, who was running for Mayor in the November election. The articles described his more than 20 year residence on Potrero Hill, his activism as a social worker and as aide to Assemblyman Leo McCarthy, his strong support for neighborhood issues, small business and affordable housing.

### PROTESTS ASSAIL SCHOOL SPORTS CUTBACKS

Students at Potrero Hill Middle School, angry at the loss of their after-school sports programs, were gearing up to show support for the city's high and middle school coaches if they went on strike.

### HILLERS SUPPORT PETITION FOR DEMOLITION MORATORIUM

A petition drive to enact a one-year moratorium on residential demolitions by creating a Potrero Hill Special Use District received enthusiastic support from many neighborhood residents since it was launched in September.

### VOLUNTEERS IN SARDINIA

View staffer Vas Arnautoff reported on his, and his wife Arden's summer as volunteers digging in Sardinia with an archeological team sponsored by the University of California. They were searching Bronze age ruins for artifacts that would shed light on how people lived 3000 years ago.

### HILL ARTIST JOESAM SPEAKS ABOUT HIS WORK

Potrero Hill artist JoeSam's work was on view at the Haines Gallery. He wrote, "My work reflects the fact that I am a Black artist. It isn't necessarily the context of my art that shows that — it is the flow and colors and texture of my work. Anyone who is interested in my work should know that it is straight out intuitive, innate."

### AND TWENTY YEARS AGO. . .

Freeway noise was the issue at a meeting arranged by Assemblyman Art Agnos between Hill dwellers and Caltrans to discuss the need for construction of sound barriers in the 600 block of San Bruno Avenue. . . . An Ambulatory Health Care Facility has been opened on Third Street to provide home health care and personal care services. . . . Congress passed a bill raising the minimum wage from \$2.30 an hour to \$2.65 in 1978. . . . Hill residents, actresses Winifred Mann and Roberts Callahan had major roles in "The Choice — Between Life and Death," a KPIX television play about the death penalty. . . . The Julian Theatre presented its adaptation of Sean O'Casey's "The Plough and the Stars."

— Bernie Gershater



## Potrero Hill Neighborhood House

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Enola D. Maxwell, Executive Director

### ON-GOING MEETINGS:

Al-Anon	Thursdays, 6:30 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous	Sun, 8:00 pm/Mon & Thurs, 8:30 pm
Girls/Boys Club	Mondays, 4:00 pm
Narcotics Anonymous	Wednesdays, 8:00 pm
Omega Boys Club	Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

### FACILITIES:

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# Eileen Maloney, 1<sup>st</sup> Potrero View Editor, Dies at 66

Without E. Cahill Maloney there would be no *Potrero View*. The View was conceived on July 13, 1970 in a house on Connecticut Street.

Those of us at the meeting spent the first hour or so discussing "what we wanted," general philosophies of newspapers, their relationship to neighborhoods, etc. Eileen cut in at this point, showing a bit of her typical impatience and frustration, and said, "Look, putting out a newspaper is about stories and deadlines." Then she suggested something to this effect: "suppose we were to put out a paper and our first issue was due out August 1: what are the stories we would cover?"

We never agreed to start the paper, really! We only agreed to a "just for instance" first edition date of August 1 and a list of potential stories with assignments. But by the end of the meeting (this had evolved into a real commitment and each left with their assignments due in a week to Eileen, who would do the editing and page layout. Without Eileen we would have been talking philosophy, finances, etc., for months before any tentative steps were taken. Thanks to her, we just dived in and did it! The first issue came out August 1, 1970 and it has been with us ever since.

Eileen was a professional newspaper person, writer and editor, and knew the business. She insisted that we produce a better sheet than the Chronicle, though she thought that would not be difficult (!). None of us were reporters or writers, for that matter. My first stories she cut to shreds, and I quickly undertook to change my academically trained ponderous prose into "cut to the quick" stories that put the news at the top. I oversaw "production" which meant typing stories on an IBM Electric, and doing headlines with Letterset.

I served as well as the "go between" who delivered others' stories to Eileen, who put more down in red than the writ-

er had in black. Sometimes this meant delicate negotiations between injured volunteer writers' egos and Eileen's blunt to a fault style.

She absolutely insisted that the paper must be in the stores on the first of every month; as a consequence, there were lots of 48-hour production marathons during my two years at the View, but we were always out on the first.

Our first issue's lead story was a mental health clinic proposal and already we had half the neighborhood pissed off. The four-page tabloid was 90% copy and just 10% ads; that in itself was a formula for financial failure. The Neighborhood House paid for the first issue (about \$150) and St. Teresa's the second.

We nurtured for awhile the idea that some foundation would step forward to finance our venture, but soon learned that if you put out a lousy paper, no one was interested; if you put out a good one, you pissed everyone off, and no one was interested. After those first two issues, we were on our own and to their credit most little neighborhood businesses stuck with us. By the next year the paper had grown to eight pages, and we were on our way.

Working as Eileen's assistant was a nine month intensive seminar in journalism par excellence; she had the highest standards and she tolerated no bullshit. Eileen got the *Potrero View* off the ground and shaped it to conform to her notion of first-class journalism. When she resigned in the Spring of '71 we were thoroughly schooled in her writing, editing and design styles, and we tried to remain true to what she taught us. But none of us ever matched her ability to cut to the jugular and get the story.

I lasted until the Spring of '72 and left it to the others who have done so ever since.

- Lenny Anderson

E. Cahill Maloney died Sept. 2, 1997



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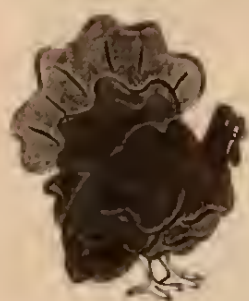
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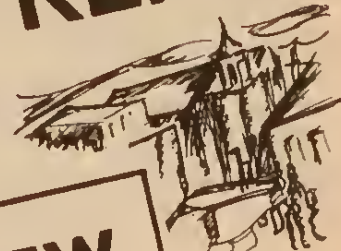
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# SFGH's Comfort Garden Dedication Slated Oct. 23

By Carol Peterson

San Francisco General Hospital has announced that it will hold its annual memorial services in the "Comfort Garden" for employees and volunteers who have died during the previous year. The event takes place on Thursday, October 23, from 12:15 to 1 p.m. This memorial service is also open to the public who wish to remember family and friends who were cared for at the facility.

The service will be held in the garden of the annex buildings. This area is known as the "Comfort Garden," because it has provided a peaceful site for meditation and a source of comfort to those visitors who wander through the beautifully landscaped parcel.

The area has been developed over the past dozen years by resident gardeners, Alain Kinet and Joan Varney. In 1984, they noticed that visitors seemed to gain a sense of ease when entering the then-sparsely landscaped plot. Using grass clippings from the hospital grounds to produce compost, they began to develop the area in whatever time they could find during the day.

Plants, bushes, and rocks were added

and small paths were laid to meander through the vegetation. Rubble from a dumpsite found on hospital property yielded debris from the 1906 earthquake, and was also incorporated into the plan.

Throughout the years members of the public have donated a rose garden and various mementos have been scattered among the plants.

In 1990 the hospital started holding a short, annual memorial service in the garden for employees and volunteers. The program now includes all members of the San Francisco community who wish to attend in remembrance of their loved ones.

The October 23 service of words and music will be presided over this year by Chaplain Bob Walters. And, before the service begins, the hospital will provide small garden spikes to those attendees who wish to remember a special friend or family member at that time. The names of those to be honored are affixed to the spikes and can be placed anywhere throughout the garden.

The public is invited to join in this dedication ceremony, or simply wander, anytime, through the lush garden which has grown into a beautiful and peaceful addition to the hospital and the community.



## Trees Available For Hill Planting

San Francisco Friends of the Urban Forest is offering a variety of hardy trees that are well suited to life on urban sidewalks. Homes and businesses eligible for this planting are located in the area bounded by Mariposa Street on the north, 22nd Street on the south, Carolina Street on the west, and Pennsylvania Avenue on the east. Future plantings will cover other areas.

The cost for a tree is \$25, which includes concrete sawing of your sidewalk and one tree trimming. An optional root guard is an additional \$25. To participate in the program, you need to:

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# Back to School – With A Special Artistic Touch

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the Bay Area. Performances at the De Haro Street School included Theatre Flamenco, Dance Kaiso, Latin American Theater Artists, Palabuniyan Kulintang Ensemble, Destiny Arts Youth Performance the Russian Connection, Make\*A\*-Circus, Global Fusion, African Roots of Jazz, and many other groups and individual performers.

Young Audiences of the Bay Area is part of a national network of 34 chapters, which in 1994 received the National

Medal of Arts from President Bill Clinton. Founded in 1958, it is the region's oldest and largest arts education organization. Its goal is to make the arts — classical, contemporary and multicultural — "an essential part of every young person's education and life."

On September 18, parents of students at the Hill's Starr King School attended Back to School night.

Jonetta Leek, new principal at Starr King greeted parents and told them of her enthusiasm and expectations for the school year.

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To that end, every month we study a designated ethnic group and host a dinner to share what we have learned. We visit different neighborhoods, attend special events (such as the Martin Luther King march, the Chinese New Year Parade, Fiesta Filipina), conduct research in the public library, and speak with community representatives. Our free dinners, at the end of each month, feature guest speakers, performers, and food from the culture we studied.

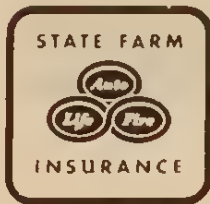
The 10 ethnic groups we study are African-Americans, Chinese-Americans, Filipino-Americans, Japanese-Americans, Korean-Americans, Latin-Americans, Native Americans, Samoan-Americans, Vietnamese-Americans, and European-Americans.

In the process of educating ourselves and others about diversity we learn to take advantage of citywide resources and opportunities and valuable job skills. For example, our curriculum enables us to learn and practice interpersonal communication skills, and develop leadership and organizational skills. By developing as informed and educated youth we help shape San Francisco as a leader in understanding our diversities.

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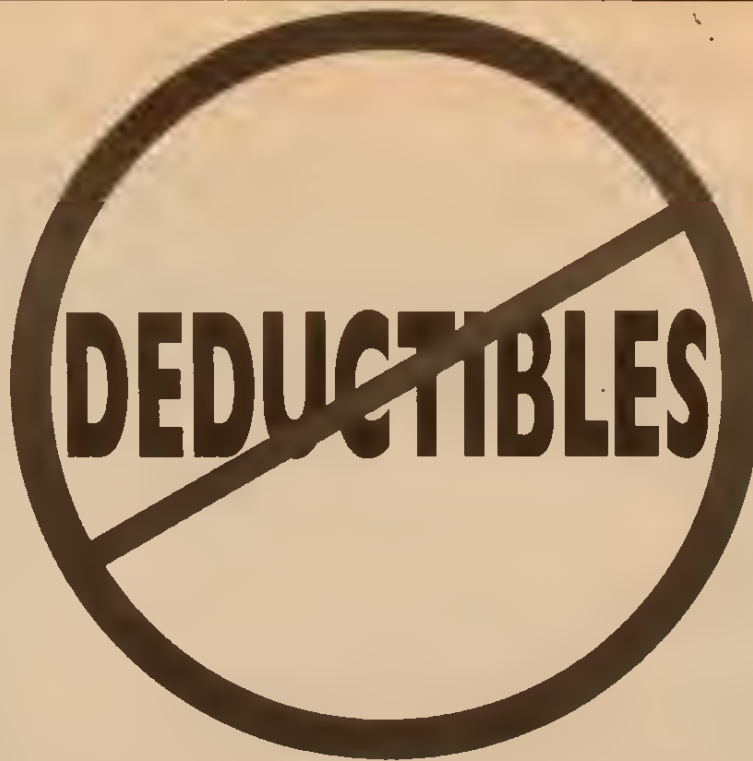
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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and San Francisco's Family Violence Council is marking this occasion with a reception designed to celebrate the city's successes in changing the way it deals with domestic violence. The reception, on Oct. 7, from 5:30-8 p.m., takes place at the Palace of Fine Arts, and is free and open to the public.

KQED (Channel 9) and the Jewish Film Festival will present the fifth season of dramas and documentaries recently featured at the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival. "Round Eyes in the Middle Kingdom" will be shown at 8 p.m. on Oct. 23; "Song of the Siren," a romantic comedy set in Tel Aviv during the Gulf war, will air Oct. 25 at 8 p.m.; "Tears of Stone," the true story of a love affair between an Icelandic composer and a Jewish woman in Germany in the 1930's, will be shown at 9:15 p.m.

The S.F. Public Library is presenting three programs of films in the month of October, all at noon in the Koret Auditorium in the Main Library. On Oct. 9, there will be three short films, "Sewing Woman," a brief film on the life of a Chinese immigrant woman; Imogen Cunningham, a portrait of the pioneer photographer made when she was in her 80s; and "Ruth Asawa," an intimate look at the life and work of the sculptor. On Oct. 16 a 1966 film on the San Francisco Mime Troupe, and on Oct. 23, "The Life and Times of Harvey Milk."

The S.F. Waldorf School invites parents and educators to experience a Waldorf kindergarten from a child's perspective. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the school, 2938 Washington at Divisadero. No admission.

The public is invited to attend community forums on long-term care, sponsored by the S.F. Dept. of Public Health, the Commission on Aging, and the Long-term Care Pilot Task Force. Meetings will be held on Oct. 14, Southeast Community College, 1800 Oakdale Ave. at Phelps; Oct. 16 at Rosa Parks Senior Apartments, 1251 Turk at Webster, and Oct. 17, at the Pacific Bell Conference Room, 666 Folsom St. at Third. All meetings are free and will run from 2-5 p.m. For more info call 554-2769.

President of the S.F. Labor Council, Josie Mooney, and urban consultant Aileen C. Hernandez will be main speakers at a meeting on Full Employment legislation on October 23, at noon. Sponsored by the Campaign to Abolish Poverty/Full Employment Coalition, the event is free but reservations must be made by phone. For info call 928-1205.



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To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Summer of Love, a "Renewal of Compassion" free celebration takes place on October 12, at the Golden Gate Park's Beach Chalet Meadows, beginning at 7:30 a.m., and ending at 6 p.m. The event, featuring many of the headliners of that period, will focus on the need for healing: Healing of the Vietnam War through the presentation of the (traveling) Vietnam Wall; Healing of the AIDS/HIV epidemic; Healing of the Earth through the presentation of Kahola Healing Poles; Healing of the hungry and homeless through a direct donation of food to the S.F. Food Bank.

Celebrate Oct. 31 at the Hookers' Halloween Ball, at the Maritime Hall, 450 Harrison St., beginning at 8:30 p.m. Organized by Potrero Hill's Margo St. James, (President, COYOTE). The event's proceeds benefit COYOTE and Street Survival Project - a coalition of a diverse network of over 40 service providers and advocates who represent the interests of women and girls who find themselves in conflict with the law. For more info call 646-0763.

The S.F. Center for the Book celebrates 25 years of book arts with a Gallery Talk Oct. 15, and a poets' reading, Oct. 24, at 300 De Haro St. These are free to the public, and for more info call 565-0545.

On Saturday, Oct. 18, Alcatraz Island and Bread & Roses will play host to Jon Hendricks' legendary smash-hit musical "Evolution of the Blues." Guests will board a ferry at 3 p.m. and take a 45-minute dinner cruise of the Bay, complete with gourmet box dinners and fine wines. Tickets are \$150 for general admission. Call Bread & Roses for more info at 381-0320. All proceeds will go directly to furthering Bread & Roses' on-going community programs, bringing music into institutions where people are confined or isolated from society.

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The San Francisco Tenants Union has scheduled a two-day training on tenants' rights for prospective volunteer counselors, on Oct. 25 and Nov. 1, at the Tenants Union office, 558 Capp St., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call 282-6622 or 282-5525.

"Challenging White Supremacy: A Workshop for Activists" is a grass-roots anti-racist training project for people concerned about social justice. Theme of the fall session is "Chicano/a Liberation Struggle." The workshop meets Sundays, 4 to 7 p.m., Oct. 25 through Dec. 21. There's no registration fee, but participants will be urged to volunteer in some grass-roots anti-racist project. For more info call 647-0921.

The Psychiatric Foundation of Northern California will hold free screenings for depression at more than 60 sites in California on Oct. 9. To learn the location of a nearby screening site call 1-800-573-4433.

Modern Times Bookstore is presenting a series of events during October, including, on Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m., a reading from "Elana Dykewomon; Beyond the Pale," a historical novel telling the story of Russian Jewish lesbians who immigrated to New York at the turn of the century, and on Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m., a reading from "Craig Reinerman: Crack in America," a discussion of drug addiction and drug prohibition, placing crack in its historical context as one of a long line of drugs.

"Jazz Dialogues," a series of programs including conversations with artists, panel discussion, and master classes, are led by jazz educators, influential media and music business figures, and top-flight artists, are offered free to the public at various venues around the Bay Area, from Oct. 22-Nov. 2. This series is sponsored by the S.F. Jazz Festival. For more info call 788-7353.

European posters from 1890 to 1980 and posters of the Shanghai Songbirds from the '20s and '30s will be exhibited at the International Vintage Poster Fair at Ft. Mason Center, Landmark Building A, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 and 2. There will be 10,000 posters on display, ranging in value from \$50 to \$25,000. Admission each day is \$10. Call 546-9608.

North of Market Senior Services welcomes referrals of persons 55 and older who might benefit from case management services now available on Potrero Hill. For more info call Ione Ishii, Case Manager, at 885-2274, or 285-7950.

The Fiction Writers and Poetry Caucus of the National Writers Union presents "I Too Am America" (Langston Hughes) a reading in response to Columbus Day, by poets, Sunday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m., New College of California, 777 Valencia St. Suggested donation is from \$3 to \$8, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Shanti's Family Halloween Party is being held Saturday, Oct. 11, from 3-4 p.m. in S.F. for families with HIV/AIDS. All Shanti clients and their children are invited to an afternoon of costume making, pumpkin carving, games and holiday goodies. For more details call 487-4743.

S.F. State University is seeking host families for ten Russian entrepreneurs coming to the city for one month beginning Oct. 15 to establish ties with the Bay Area business community and to learn about American business. The visitors, all from the city of Vladivostok, own businesses in a variety of industries. For more info call Barbara Miller at SFSU Office of International Programs at 338-6757.

"Welcome to the City!" - a new play workshop with Dan Chumley of the S.F. Mime Troupe - takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 7-30, and Nov. 18 to Dec. 11 (one eight week session with a two week break), 6-10 p.m., at 33 Gough St. This theater workshop will develop the play, written for the S.F. Labor Council about organizing shuttle drivers and tour guides. The class will end with a student production in December. People with theater experience or untapped talent are encouraged to apply. Admission is by audition. This workshop is sponsored by the Labor Studies Dept. of City College of San Francisco. Call 267-6550 for more info.

Six photo collages celebrating the rich cultural history of San Francisco, particularly of the African-American and Japanese communities are on view in 24 kiosks on Market Street between the Embarcadero and Van Ness, through Dec. 1. Artist Mildred Howard created the collages through the sponsorship of the Art Commission. Called "The Other San Francisco," images include the artist's longshoreman father walking down Market Street; a brother and cousin who, as Muni drivers, operated 95% of the cars over a 32-year period; the artist's mother, a shipyard worker and one of the first women to join the painters' union.

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# 'Second Chance Week': New Life for Old Things

Preserving resources isn't only achieved by recycling. In fact, creating less waste in the first place and reusing products preserves more resources than recycling. In an effort to promote reuse, the first annual 2nd Chance Week will be celebrated statewide between October 18 - 26.

Reuse involves taking an item destined for disposal and reusing it without altering the item. Reuse has a long history and is supported by a large number of retail outlets, including thrift stores, used book stores, and repair shops. Yard sales, flea markets and rummage sales also support reuse.

Over the past few years, a number of organizations have been established in San Francisco to promote the reuse of specialized materials. Building Resources, at 701 Amador St., for instance, buys and sells quality reusable building materials. The Scourger's Center for Reusable Art Parts (scrap) at Pier 80, takes leftover materials from businesses and distributes them to teachers to use in art projects. The RACOURSE Network collects reusable healthcare equipment (such as wheelchairs) for redistribution. The Children's Book Project collects books from individuals, organizations and publishers and distributes the books to school, shelters and day care facilities.

Reuse helps the environment, and the economy, in many ways. With reuse, fewer natural resources, including raw materials, energy and landfill space, are needed. In addition, a study by the Institute for Local Self-Reliance found that, if only half the durable goods (such as used appliances, furniture, clothing and machinery) now being discarded annually were reused, more than 110,000 jobs could be created.

There are a number of ways consumers can support reuse. One important way is to avoid disposable products. This can be done by buying sponges or cloth napkins or using rags instead of throwaway paper products; using refillable pens, pencils and lighters, buying rechargeable batteries and flashlights instead of disposable ones; using washable plates, cups and silverware for picnics instead of disposable ones; buying razors with replaceable blades or electric razors and using

cloth diapers instead of disposable ones.

A second way to promote reuse is to find new uses for common household items. For example, glass jars can be used for storing leftovers, coffee cans with lids can double as cookie jars and plastic containers are great for storing small, loose items like nails and buttons.

When you purchase tires, buy high-mileage tires. They usually cost less per mile traveled. Shop for items which can be repaired rather than disposed of when they break. Remember to maintain these products. Buy well-made clothing. It may cost more initially, but will save money over the long run.

You can also purchase energy-efficient, long-lasting light bulbs. Compact fluorescent light bulbs last up to ten times as long as incandescent bulbs and use less than one quarter the energy. And using solar powered or manually operated products instead of those that require batteries also saves resources.

When you no longer need an item, arrange to have it reused. Some stores encourage their customers to return containers for refills - and will give you a discount if you do. Current refillable items include lotions, detergents, shampoos, coffee bags, and of course, grocery bags. Remember to return hangers to dry cleaners.

You can also rent or borrow infrequently used items rather than buying them and having them sit unused most of the year.

Finally, buying used items can often give you unique, high quality items at a fraction of the cost of buying new products. Many items, from appliances to wedding clothing, can be purchased in the more than 80 secondhand thrift and consignment stores in San Francisco.

In order to help you find places to purchase, and sell, these items, the San Francisco Recycling Program has added a reuse section to its web page. If you have access to the Internet, check it out at [www.sfreecycle.org](http://www.sfreecycle.org). And if you don't have Internet access, call our 24-hour recycling hotline at 554-RECYCLE for a free copy of our reuse directory.

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Fifty photographers, printmakers, painters, sculptors, furniture makers, textile, mixed media, and science and technology artists in and around Potrero Hill will take part. Artists' venues will range from private homes on the Hill and the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House to industrial spaces near Third Street.

"BODY/LAND," a showing of works by members of the Gay and Lesbian Artists Alliance (GLAA), during the Open Studios week-end is held at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953

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A ceramic piece by Diana Fayt entitled "Delta."



"Angel Series I," a Terra Cotta by Hill artist Peggy Snider.



# STUDIOS HILL R 11-12

DeHaro St., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The artists involved in this exhibit promise a "kind of art party to which all are invited. For more info call Michael Mackett, 824-9344.

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- Anthony Ryan



"Dress-Up," a Mezzotint by James Groleau is on exhibit during the art week.



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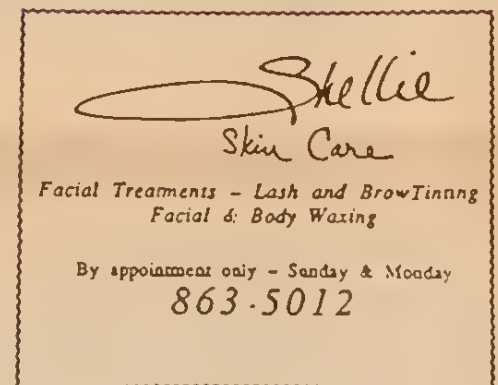
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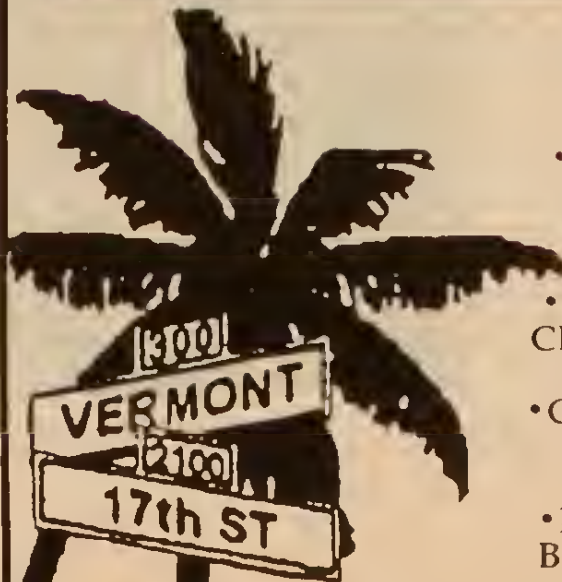
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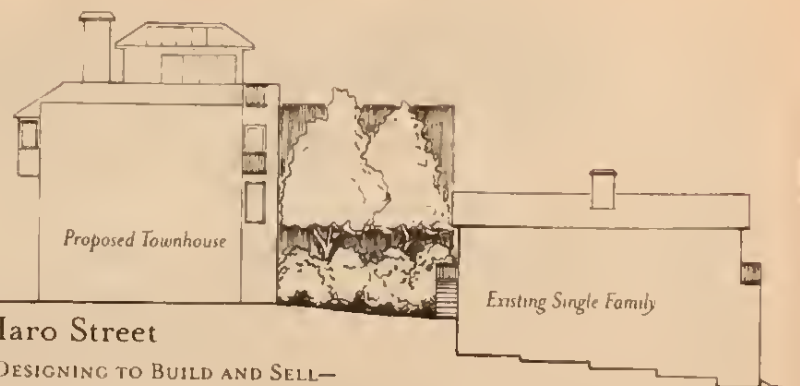
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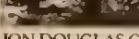
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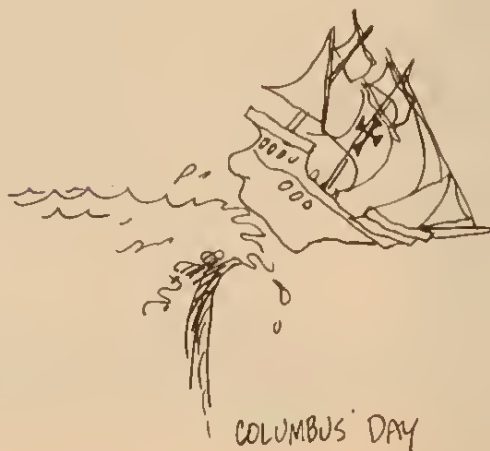
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